

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. General Remarks and Disposition of the Claims.

Please consider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of this application.

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-28 were pending. Claims 1-28 are subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 1-20 have been cancelled herein in response to the restriction requirement. Claims 29-35 are new. Applicants assert that these added claims add no new matter to the application as filed and support for these claims can be found in the Specification.

II. Remarks Regarding Restriction Requirement.

In the present office action the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups:

I. Claims 1-20, drawn to a traceable material, classified in class 507, subclass 140+.

II. Claims 21-28, drawn to a proppant, classified in class 166, subclass 280.2.

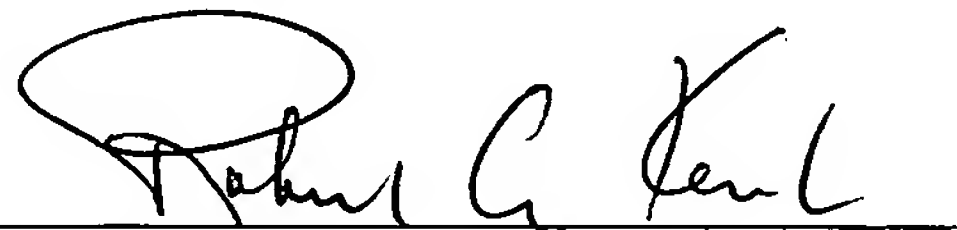
Accordingly, Applicants elect for examination on the merits, without traverse, Group II, claims 21-28. As noted above, claims 1-20 have been cancelled in response to the restriction requirement imposed by the Examiner. No amendment to inventorship is necessitated by this election. Applicants reserve their rights to subsequently take up prosecution on the claims as originally filed in this or an appropriate continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application.

SUMMARY

In light of the above remarks and arguments, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections. Applicant further submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits timely notice of the same. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone.

Applicant believes that there are no fees due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, the Commissioner is authorized to debit the deposit account of Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. No. 08-0300, for any underpayment of fees that may be due in association with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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